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Amendments to Specification

At page 6, line 30, bridging to page 7, line 5, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

Alternatively, the fibers of the multiple component meltblown web of the layer 14 can be meltblown using a meltblowing apparatus like that described in U.S. Patent No. 4,795,668, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In such an apparatus, the different polymeric components are melted in parallel extruders and metered separately through gear pumps into a die cavity. From the die cavity, the polymer components are extruded together through a line of capillary orifices. According to another alternative, the polymer components can be fed, in an already layered form, into the cavity of the spin block from which the capillary orifices are supplied with the multiple component polymer stream. A post-coalescent die, as disclosed in copending provisional application no. 60/223,040, filed August 4, 2000, U.S. Serial No. 09/915,688, filed July 26, 2001, now allowed, in which the distinct polymer components are extruded through separate extrusion orifices and are contacted and fused after exiting the capillaries to form multiple component meltblown fibers, may also be used.